GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – M.A. & U.D. Department - Nidadavolu Municipality – Misappropriation of tax amount collected from the assesses by certain officials of Nidadavolu Municipality –Disciplinary action initiated against Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality - Enquiry conducted – Imposition of punishment of withholding of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIAL ADMINISTRTION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 298 **Dated: 05-09-2018**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.84 (375/V&E/D1/06), dated 25.06.2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.378, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated:04.03.2018.
3. Written Statement of Defense of Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality dated: 01.05.2008.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1523, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated: 03.11.2008.
5. Govt. Memo.No.16236/E1/2006, dt: 03.11.2008.
6. From Sri G.V.V.S.Murthy, Municipal Commissioner & Enquiry Officer, Tadepalligudem, Enquiry Report dated: 28.09.2010.
7. Govt.Memo.No.16236/E1/2006, dated: 24.02.2011.
8. From Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality, written representation dt:28.03.2011.
9. Govt. Letter No.16236/Vig.I(1)/2006, dated: 16.03.2016.
10. From the Principal Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Letter No. 280/DC&C/2/2016, dated: 12.05.2016.
11. Govt.Memo.No.16236/E1/2006, dated: 12.07.2016.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the General Administration (V&E) Department that, certain allegations of misappropriation of tax amount collected from assesses by certain officials in Nidadavolu Municipality. The G.A.(V&E) Department in the reference 1st read above, have recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the responsible officials of Nidadavolu Municipality for having misappropriated the municipal funds.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated departmental action against Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality, West Godavari District under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 by issuing Articles of Charges against him.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.) has submitted his written statement of defense, denying the charges framed against him. As the explanation is not convincing, in the G.O. 4th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri G.V.V.S.Murthy, Municipal Commissioner, Tadepalligudem as Enquiry Officer, to inquire into the charges framed against Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality and others. In the reference 5th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri A. Muneswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Pithapuram Municipality as Presenting Officer.

4. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report, stating that the charges framed against Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality are held proved in the inquiry.

5. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of the enquiry report has been communicated to the Charged Officer for submission of his written representation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality has submitted his written representation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer and requested to set aside the charges framed against him.

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6. As no new grounds put-forth by the charged officer in his written representation, Government have decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against the charged officer Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality and in the reference 9th read above, the Principal Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission was requested to convey the concurrence of the APPSC on the proposed punishment.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Principal Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission have accorded concurrence to the Government's proposal to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against the charged officer Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality.

8. In the reference 11th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality, directing him to submit his written representation within (15) days, as to why a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years should not be imposed against him. No Written representation from Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality has been received by the Government.

9. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to impose the punishment of withholding of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against the charged officer Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality, as the charges framed against him were held proved in the inquiry. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality in terms of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sk.Mastan, the then Bill Collector (Retd.), Nidadavolu Municipality
through the DMA, AP, Guntur.
The Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur.

Copy to:
The Principal Accountant General(A&E), A.P. Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Nidadavolu Municipality.
The General Administration (V&E) Department, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, AP Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER